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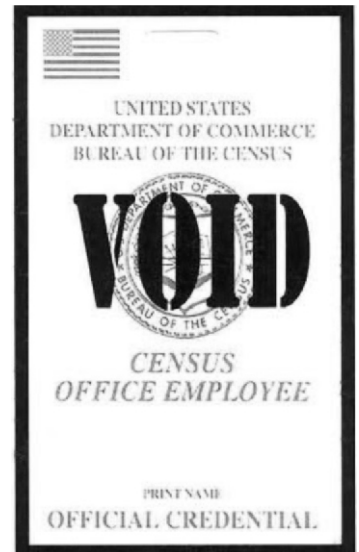
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## Special Census to Commence in June; Your Participation Counts!

Beginning in June, the Village of Burr Ridge will be conducting a Special Census. Residents should expect to be contacted by the Census Bureau with a questionnaire in the mail, a phone call from the Census Bureau or a visit from a Census Bureau representative. The key to a successful census lies in every resident cooperating with enumerators. Interviews should take approximately five to seven minutes and all information is confidential, protected by law and used only to produce statistics. For more information, visit the Village's website [www.burr-ridge.gov](http://www.burr-ridge.gov) and follow the "Special Census" link on the home page.

Testing for Census workers is scheduled to begin on Monday, May 22nd. Applicants will be notified through the mail of their testing date. They are required to complete a 30-minute written test of basic skills, three-day training session and criminal background check before beginning work in the field. If a Census worker is at your door, he or she should be able to show you their Census Bureau identification badge (sample at right), tell you the name of the survey for which your participation is needed and provide a copy of the notification letter you will receive in the mail describing the survey. Depending on the survey, a census worker may carry a laptop or hand-held computer bearing the insignia of the Census Bureau.

Since the 2000 decennial Census, the Village has experienced a significant amount of population growth due to continued construction of new housing and the annexation of multiple properties. Since the Village receives state income and motor fuel tax revenue on a per capita (per person) basis, it is important, especially in these difficult financial times, that every resident be counted. The Village stands to gain over \$470,000 in additional revenue between 2006 and 2010, when the next decennial census occurs. This revenue directly funds Village services.



## Village Center Groundbreaking & Kick-off Sales Weekend

A groundbreaking ceremony for the Burr Ridge Village Center was held on May 11, 2006. Earth moving has begun and building construction is set to begin mid to late summer. Retail leasing is progressing and condominium marketing and sales are underway. For more information, please visit the developer's web site [www.BurrRidgeVillageCenter.com](http://www.BurrRidgeVillageCenter.com).



The Village Center is a mixed use "downtown" district featuring an open air shopping experience characterized by upscale retail and restaurants along the main street. The project will include 191,000 square feet of retail space, 25,000 square feet of restaurants, 33,000 square feet of office space and 172 condominium units in seven buildings.

## News in Brief

### 83rd Street Construction Underway



The reconstruction of 83rd Street between County Line Road and Fars Cove began in April. During construction, cars are only permitted to travel one way westbound, while eastbound traffic will be detoured along County Line Road to 79th Street to Madison Street. Westbound drivers can expect delays

from County Line Road to Fars Cove.

There will be minor curb removal and replacement along 83rd Street, as well as resurfacing from South Frontage Road to Fars Cove. The road will be reconstructed from Fars Cove to County Line Road. Curb removal and replacement will occur along South Frontage Road, with the addition of a right turn lane at 83rd Street.

Residents can call the Road Program Hotline at (630) 654-8181, option 8, for weekly updates and information about construction in the coming weeks. At the end of the message, callers who have questions or concerns about the project may leave a message and a member of Village staff will return the call.

### Public Works 50th Anniversary Open House

To kick-off National Public Works Week and celebrate the Village's 50th Anniversary, the Public Works Department is holding an Open House on Saturday, May 20 from 10 AM to 2 PM at the Public Works facility, located at 451 Commerce Street. Take a tour of the recently renovated Public Works facility and learn more about the services the Department provides. Residents will be invited to participate in various demonstrations and learn how Public Works is at the heart of everyday community. Afterward, enjoy free hot dogs, cotton candy, popcorn, a moon walk, magician, balloons, give-aways, trucks and a variety of demonstrations. For more information, call 323-4733 or visit [www.burr-ridge.gov](http://www.burr-ridge.gov) today.

### 50th Anniversary Celebrations Begin; Corporate Sponsorship Program Successful

Residents, friends and family will gather for a 50th Anniversary Kick-off Party on Friday, May 19th, from 7:00 to 11:00 PM at the Five Seasons Country Club (6901 S. Madison Street). Tickets are still available and can be purchased at the Village Hall, Burr Ridge Park District building, Harris Bank in Burr Ridge and the Five Seasons Country Club before and during the event. Casual attire is preferred. Questions? Please call Lisa Scheiner at (630) 654-8181, ext. 105.

The 50th Anniversary Committee has been busily raising money to offset the cost of the celebrations and to raise funds for the Veterans' Memorial through Corporate Sponsorships and private donations. The Committee would like to acknowledge the generosity of its corporate sponsors, including the law firm of Klein, Thorpe & Jenkins, Masterfoods U.S.A., Frank Novotny & Associates, Alliance Mechanical, Beechen & Dill Builders, Codilis & Associates, Coglianese Funeral Home, Five Seasons Country Club, the law firm of Goldstine, Skrodzki, Russian, Nemec & Hoff, Harris - Burr Ridge, Napleton Dealership Group, Oak Brook Bank, Pasquinelli Homes, Praxair, Production Plus Technologies, Roberts Pipeline, Rotary Club of Hinsdale, Sentry Therapy Systems, Turano Baking, Tuthill Corporation, W.H. McNaughton Builders, Balducci's Restaurant, Best Quality Cleaning, Clarke Mosquito Control, Downes Swimming Pool Company, Dynamic Color Systems, Inc., Integrated Project Management, Kirsten's Danish Bakery, Max & Erma's, Plante & Associates, Robert Yiu Construction, Rose Paving and Third Millennium. Special thanks also go to Bonnie Kohout, of King Bruwaert House, and the Willowbrook/Burr Ridge Chamber of Commerce for their support.



## Police Briefs

### Make Your Address Visible So Emergency Vehicles Can Find You!

Emergency vehicles rely on addresses to respond to calls for service. Their response can be slowed if they cannot locate an address. Be sure your address is displayed in a position easily observable from the street. The Village has adopted by reference and has the authority to enforce the BOCA (Building Officials, Code Administrators) National Property Maintenance Code. The Code requires that any structure to which a street number has been assigned must have the number displayed in Arabic numerals at least 3 inches high and ½ inch stroke.

Protect Your Home While You're Away: Before packing your bags for summer vacation, register for the Vacation House Watch Program with the Police Department at 323-8181. Police staff will ask, for instance, who has keys to your home, whether lights will be on

timers, what cars will be left in your driveway and who should be contacted in an emergency. Officers will know to pay special attention when patrolling your neighborhood and will conduct premise checks while you're away. *Residents are strongly urged to ensure alarm systems are working properly and activated before leaving.* Remove any extra keys you may have stored outside and secure patio doors with heavy duty locks or steel rods at the base. Set lights, radios and TVs on timers, staggered throughout the day.

Curfew: Parents are reminded that curfew applies to all teens 17 years old and younger. Curfew hours are 11 PM to 6 AM on weekdays and midnight to 6 AM on Saturday and Sunday. State law provides that driver's licenses for teens 16 years old are invalid during curfew hours. Drivers in violation of curfew are subject to the suspension of driving privileges.

## Public Works in Brief

### Board Approves Utility Increases Effective May 1

During the budget process, the Village staff, committees and elected officials carefully evaluated utility rates. After careful consideration, the Village Board approved Ordinances increasing the water rates, sewer rates for Cook County residents only, and the telecommunication tax.

Water rates were last increased in May, 2004. Since that time, the Village has received three increases from the City of Chicago/Village of Bedford Park amounting to 12.31%. The vast majority of residential customers consume 30,000 gallons or less per billing cycle. For this customer, the increase will be \$38.10 per year. Residential fixed rates, non-residential rates and rates for users outside the corporate limits of Burr Ridge were also increased accordingly.

The Sewer Fund was established to maintain the system in the Cook County portion of the Village. Sewer rates had not been increased since 1991. The purpose of the flat rate increase from \$10.67 to \$15.00 is to fund the cost of a full-time employee and a sewer jetter to assist with maintenance of the sewer system. For a Cook County residential sewer customer, the rate increase will amount to an additional \$25.98 per year.

Finally, the telecommunication tax was increased from 4.75% to 6%. For every \$100 in telephone charges, the 1.25% increase will cost the telecommunication taxpayer an additional \$1.25.

### Village-wide Smoking Ban Approved

On Monday, April 10, 2006, the Village Board of Trustees approved an Ordinance banning smoking in public places. The Ordinance will go into effect 90 days after its passage and the Police Department will begin enforcing it on Saturday, July 8th.

As of July 8th, smoking will be banned in all enclosed public places, places of employment within Burr Ridge, all Village vehicles and buildings, and certain unenclosed public places such as the seating areas of outdoor arenas and school grounds. It also bans smoking within 15 feet of public parks and recreation areas, public entrances, open air dining areas and outdoor venues while an event is taking place. The ordinance does not prohibit smoking in private residences, rooms rented for the purpose of living or sleeping quarters, outdoor parades and picnics (defined as six or more people), and it excludes any person who is temporarily in such an area for the purpose of walking or traversing through such area.

Any individual who smokes in a prohibited area will be fined \$25 for the first violation, \$50 for the second and \$100 for the third. The owner/manager/operator of a public place or place of employment that violates the ordinance would be fined \$100 for the first offense, \$500 for the second offense and \$2,500 for additional violations within one year of the first offense, plus the suspension or revocation of applicable licenses or permits.

A complete copy of the Ordinance is available on the Village's website, [www.burr-ridge.gov](http://www.burr-ridge.gov), under "Village News."

### Village Celebrates Arbor Day with Gower Students

Arbor Day was celebrated Friday, April 28th, at Gower Middle School. The 5th Grade class helped Village Arborist Gary Gatlin plant an ivory silk Japanese lilac tree and learned about tree planting techniques.



The commitment to tree planting that was explained during the ceremony has, for the twelfth consecutive year, earned the Village Tree City U.S.A. recognition.

### Save the Date for a 50th Anniversary Gala

Residents should mark Saturday, October 14th, 2006 on their calendar for the 50th Anniversary Gala at the Marriott Hotel. The evening will include dinner, drinks and a live orchestra.

### Know the Code

#### **Building Permits Required:**

Building permits are required for additions, fences, pools, gazebos, decks, generators and driveways. A permit is not required to re-roof or add a second roof layer. If you have questions about permit requirements call the Building Department at 654-8181.

#### **Report Construction Site Problems:**

Construction on the outside of any enclosed structure or anywhere on any structure not completely enclosed is permitted Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday through Sunday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. If construction occurs outside those hours please call the Police Department so they can investigate the situation immediately. Other construction site maintenance problems include keeping the streets free of mud and the site free of excess debris, maintaining silt and wood construction fencing, a dumpster and port-a-pot. Report problems to the Engineering Department at 654-8181, extension 4. Please list an after-hours number where you can be reached.

#### **Swimming Pool Permit and Inspection Requirements:**

In-ground and above-ground swimming pools are subject to regulations within the Village's Zoning Ordinance. A permit is required prior to construction and inspections are required before, during and after actual construction on the pool's shell, equipment, deck and fence. Further information about regulations, permits and applicable fees is available at [www.burr-ridge.gov](http://www.burr-ridge.gov) on the Community Development Department's page.



## News in Brief

### EQC Presents Awards for Annual Essay Contest

On Saturday, May 6th, fifteen area students were honored for their outstanding essays, entered into the Environmental Quality Commission's sixth annual essay contest. 234 students entered the contest, created in 2000 to increase awareness of issues regarding our environment. Since its creation, over 720 students have entered the contest, open to grades 3 through 12 on a variety of topics. Congratulations to Lia Benes, Tori Benes, Lauren Bruckhauser, Jeremy Cai, Jacqueline Han, Sarah Hansen, Claire Hutchinson, Simran Jobanputra, Stephanie Kelly, Brandon Kopp, Victoria Lonergan, Raman Mathur, Rachel Pellegrino, Peyton Ryder and Jason Wasiukiewicz. Thanks for making this year's contest a success!

### Hazardous Waste Recycling Dates Announced

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) has announced several one-day household hazardous waste collection dates. Visit [www.epa.state.il.us/land/hazardous-waste/household-haz-waste/hhwc-schedule.html](http://www.epa.state.il.us/land/hazardous-waste/household-haz-waste/hhwc-schedule.html) or call (217) 785-8604 for information.

### Burr Ridge History Corner

*In honor of the Village's 50th Anniversary, the Burr Ridge Briefs newsletter will feature information about the Village's history. Residents with photos or artifacts that they would be willing to share are welcome to call the Village Hall at 654-8181.*



The area which is now Burr Ridge was once the home of the Sioux, Pottawattamie, Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. After an 1835 treaty, most of the Indians were relocated west of the Mississippi. In the early 1950's the area was sparsely settled, and large tracts of land were devoted to farming.

On October 20, 1956, in the garage of a residence on Drew Avenue, 143 citizens of Robert

Bartlett's Estates (the one square mile area bounded by Old Route 66, County Line Road, 79th Street and the east line of the Denmark Farm, which is now Burr Ridge Industrial Common) cast their votes on the question of incorporation. Two days later, the results were official (76 votes for and 67 against) and on October 30, 1956 the incorporation of the Village of Harvester was confirmed. The new Village had approximately 75 homes and a population of less than 300. In August 1962, the name of the community was changed to Burr Ridge. The burr oak leaf became the Village emblem. Its unofficial slogan – 'A Very Special Place' – was the title of a small book written in 1976 to reflect on the Village's pride at the time of its 20th Anniversary.

### Sprinkling Restrictions Begin May 15th

Beginning May 15th each year, communities that receive Lake Michigan water are required to implement sprinkling restrictions. Sprinkling north of 83rd Street may occur Monday, Thursday and Saturday from 12 AM to 12 PM and 6 PM to 12 AM. Sprinkling south of 83rd Street may occur Tuesday, Friday and Sunday during the same hours. No lawn sprinkling is permitted on Wednesdays or any day between Noon and 6 PM. Restrictions are in effect until September 15th.

### DuPage County Offers Latex Paint Recycling

Residents can drop off unwanted latex paint at the Recycling Facility (7900 S. Rte 53 in Woodridge) from June 1 through August 11, 8 AM to 2 PM, Monday through Friday and select Saturdays (June 10, 24, July 8, 22, August 5). For more information, visit the Community Events Page at [www.burr-ridge.gov](http://www.burr-ridge.gov) or call (630) 985-7400.

### Calendar of Events: May - July

#### May

- 15 Plan Commission Meeting 7:30 PM  
*Sprinkling Restrictions Begin*
- 16 Economic Development Committee Meeting 7:30 PM
- 17 Board of Fire & Police Commissioners 7:00 PM
- 19 50th Anniversary Kick-off Party 7-11 PM
- 20 Public Works Open House 10 AM - 2 PM
- 22 Village Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 24 Veterans' Memorial Committee Meeting 5:30 PM  
Environmental Quality Commission Meeting 7:30 PM
- 29 *Memorial Day - Village Hall Closed*

#### June

- 5 Plan Commission Meeting 7:30 PM
- 12 Village Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 14 Veterans' Memorial Committee Meeting 5:30 PM  
Board of Fire & Police Commissioners 7:00 PM
- 18 *Father's Day*
- 19 Plan Commission Meeting 7:30 PM
- 21 *Summer Begins*
- 26 Village Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 28 Veterans' Memorial Committee Meeting 5:30 PM

#### July

- 4 *Independence Day - Village Hall Closed*
- 10 Village Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 11 Police Pension Board 7:00 PM  
Stormwater Management Committee Meeting 7:30 PM
- 12 Veterans' Memorial Committee Meeting 5:30 PM  
Board of Fire & Police Commissioners 7:00 PM
- 13 Pathway Commission Meeting 7:30 PM
- 17 Plan Commission Meeting 7:30 PM
- 18 Economic Development Committee Meeting 7:30 PM
- 24 Village Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 26 Veterans' Memorial Committee Meeting 5:30 PM  
Environmental Quality Commission Meeting 7:30 PM